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- Approximately 50,000 Phoenix residents were still without power September 1, down from the original 70,000 which lost power August 31 following severe weather which swept through the area. – *Associated Press* (See item [3](#))
- The First National Bank in Walnut Ridge, Arkansas announced August 31 that it had been the victim of employee fraud or theft, resulting in the loss of \$3.9 million. – *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* (See item [8](#))
- Highway 287 in Tennessee between Memphis and Childress was shut down overnight September 1 while HAZMAT crews cleared a hazardous chemical spill that occurred after a semi-truck spilled 1,500 gallons of a chemical. – *KFDA 10 Amarillo* (See item [10](#))
- Fire crews continued to battle 65 large wildfires burning across the U.S. following a September 1 update by the National Interagency Fire Center which found that over 8 million acres of land has been burned in U.S. wildfires in 2015. – *Washington Post* (See item [19](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *September 2, Virginian-Pilot* – (Virginia) **Fire out at Dominion power plant in Chesapeake.** Firefighters battled a 2-alarm fire at the Dominion Virginia Power plant on the Elizabeth River for 3 hours September 1, after titanium tubing inside a 3-story condenser caught fire. Officials believe the cause of the fire began from cutting torches used in the area.
Source: <http://hamptonroads.com/2015/09/dominion-power-plant-fire-chesapeake>
2. *September 1, Little Rock Arkansas Times* – (Arkansas) **SEECO to pay \$950,000 for taking gas from unleased federal land.** SEECO Inc.-owned SWN Production LLC agreed to pay \$950,000 to the United States September 1 to settle claims of self-reported mineral trespass after drilling into unleased Federal gas from 3 wells in Conway and Van Buren Counties from 2008 to 2010.
Source: <http://www.arktimes.com/ArkansasBlog/archives/2015/09/01/seeco-to-pay-950000-for-taking-gas-from-unleased-federal-land>
3. *September 1, Associated Press* – (Arizona) **Tens of thousands without power after monsoon storm hits Phoenix area, damages buildings, cars.** Approximately 50,000 Phoenix residents were still without power September 1, down from the original 70,000 which lost power August 31 following severe weather which swept through the area. Flooding temporarily closed roads, disabled traffic lights, and caused at least one accident when a semi-truck collided with a car on Interstate 10, causing several schools to close September 1.
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2015/09/01/tens-thousands-without-power-after-monsoon-storm-hits-phoenix-area-damages/>

Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

Critical Manufacturing Sector

4. *September 2, MLive.com* – (National) **NHTSA lowers estimated number of vehicles affected by Takata airbag recall.** The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration announced that the current estimated number of defective Takata airbag inflators installed in U.S. vehicles was reduced to 23.4 million after the agency received updated figures from the 11 automakers affected by the recall.
Source: http://www.mlive.com/auto/index.ssf/2015/09/nhtsa_lowers_estimated_number.html
5. *September 1, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **MiWorld Accessories recalls plug-in wall chargers for iPhones due to fire hazard; sold**

exclusively at Charlotte Russe stores. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission announced September 1 that New York-based MiWorld Accessories LLC issued a recall for 3,200 units of its wall chargers with USB cords used to charge certain versions of iPhones after discovering that the chargers could potentially overheat and catch fire while in use. The product was sold exclusively at Charlotte Russe stores nationwide in October 2014.

Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2015/MiWorld-Accessories-Recalls-Plug-in-Wall-Chargers-for-iPhones/>

Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

Financial Services Sector

6. *September 2, Baton Rouge Advocate* – (Louisiana) **Consumers advised to check bills after credit card ‘skimming gadget’ found hidden in Baton Rouge gas station pump.** A fraudulent card-reading device was found inside a Shell gas station pump at the corner of Tom Drive and Airline Highway in Baton Rouge August 31, the third device found within the area in the past 2 months. Investigators advised customers to check credit card statements for suspicious activity.
Source: <http://theadvocate.com/home/13331425-125/consumers-advised-to-check-bills>
7. *September 1, AL.com* – (Alabama) **Heflin police uncover 180 credit/debit cards, ID theft tools during traffic stop.** A Heflin police officer uncovered approximately 180 credit and debit cards, several fake drivers licenses, 3 laptops, a credit card encoder, a credit card embosser, fake checks, and several other potential identity theft tools during a traffic stop September 1. The case has been turned over to the U.S. Secret Service.
Source: http://www.al.com/news/anniston-gadsden/index.ssf/2015/09/heflin_police_uncover_180_cred.html
8. *September 1, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* – (Arkansas) **Lost \$3.9M from fraud, bank reveals.** The First National Bank in Walnut Ridge announced August 31 that it had been the victim of employee fraud or theft, resulting in the loss of \$3.9 million. An investigation into the culprit is ongoing and officials believe the incident occurred over an extended period of time.
Source: <http://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2015/sep/01/lost-3-9m-from-fraud-bank-reveals-20150/?f=latest>
9. *September 1, Grand Rapids Press* – (Michigan) **Man admits \$279K theft from employer in wire fraud plea.** A former employee of Grand Rapids-based IGA Abrasives LLC pleaded guilty to wire fraud September 1 in connection with the theft of \$279,000 through fraudulent receipt submissions claiming reimbursement to IGA’s parent company, South Carolina-based S.L. Munson & Company, between January 2010 and November 2013.
Source: http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2015/09/man_admits_279k_theft_from_emp.html

Transportation Systems Sector

10. *September 2, KFDA 10 Amarillo* – (Tennessee) **HAZMAT spill cleared, Highway 287 between Memphis and Childress remains closed.** Highway 287 between Memphis and Childress was shut down overnight September 1 while HAZMAT crews worked to clear a hazardous chemical spill that occurred after a semi-truck spilled 1,500 gallons of a chemical used to make PVC pipes. A voluntary evacuation order was issued.
Source: <http://www.newschannel10.com/story/29932569/update-hazmat-spill-shuts-down-us-287>
11. *September 1, KSBW 8 Salinas* – (California) **Highway 1 in Carmel Highlands reopens after dump truck spill cleared.** Highway 1 in Carmel Highlands was shut down for approximately 4 hours September 1 after a dump truck hauling gravel overturned and spilled its load onto the roadway.
Source: <http://www.ksbw.com/news/dump-truck-spill-closes-highway-one-in-carmel-highlands/35034610>
12. *September 1, WBBH 20 Fort Myers* – (Florida) **RV catches fire along I-75 in Collier County.** All southbound lanes of Interstate 75 at mile marker 103 in Collier County were shut down for several hours September 1 while crews cleared the scene after an RV caught fire. The cause of the accident remains under investigation.
Source: <http://www.nbc-2.com/story/29932033/sb-i-75-shut-down-in-collier-county-after-vehicle-fire#.VecPivIViko>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

13. *September 1, Food Safety News* – (Washington) **6 E. coli cases in Washington state linked to Mexican food.** King County Public Health officials are investigating six cases of E. coli O157 infection that reportedly hospitalized three people September 1, after initial investigations revealed the illnesses were linked to the consumption of food from Los Chilangos, a local food vendor that shares space and equipment with several food business at the Eastside Commercial Kitchen and serves food at seven area farmers markets. The commissary kitchen and all food vendors who use the kitchen were ordered to cease operations during the ongoing investigation.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2015/09/6-e-coli-cases-linked-to-mexican-food-sold-at-washington-farmers-markets>
14. *September 1, Reuters* – (National) **FDA issues warning letters to five caffeine distributors.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued warning letters September 1 to five pure powdered caffeine distributors including SPN LLC dba Smartpowders, Purebulk Inc., and Kreativ Health Inc., among other distributors, after the distributors marketed the powder as a dietary supplement. The FDA increased efforts to stop ingestion of the stimulant in pure form following its 2014 consumer advisory warning customers of the risk of the drug after two men died from overdose.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/09/01/us-fda-caffeine-idUSKCN0R142C20150901>

Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

Nothing to report

Healthcare and Public Health Sector

15. *September 2, Reuters* – (Illinois) **7 dead in Legionnaires' outbreak at Illinois veterans home.** State veterans and health officials reported September 1 that 7 people have died and 32 others were sickened in a Legionnaires' outbreak at the Illinois Veterans' Home in Quincy. Authorities stated that additional cases were expected due to the incubation period for the disease which can be up to 2 weeks.
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/health/2015/09/02/7-dead-in-legionnaires-outbreak-at-illinois-veterans-home/>
16. *September 1, KCBS 2 Los Angeles* – (California) **Firefighter, 2 hospital employees stabbed inside emergency room in Boyle Heights.** An unruly suspect was taken into custody after yelling, stabbing, and injuring a firefighter and two hospital employees September 1 while on medical hold inside the emergency room of White Memorial Medical Center in Boyle Heights
Source: <http://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2015/09/01/firefighter-stabbed-inside-emergency-room-of-boyle-heights-hospital/>
17. *September 1, University of California, Los Angeles Daily Bruin* – (California) **UCLA Health notifies patients of data breach after laptop theft.** Approximately 1,242 patients were notified by University of California, Los Angeles Health September 1 that their medical information may have been exposed after a faculty member's laptop was stolen early July. The hospital center found no evidence that the information was misused.
Source: <http://dailybruin.com/2015/09/01/ucla-health-notifies-patients-of-data-breach-after-laptop-theft/>

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Government Facilities Sector

18. *September 2, Youngstown Vindicator* – (Ohio) **Warren schools evacuated Tuesday because of bomb threat.** Officials evacuated and dismissed classes at all five schools in the city of Warren school district September 1 while they investigated a bomb threat received by the police department.
Source: <http://www.vindy.com/news/2015/sep/02/warren-bomb-threat-cancels-classes/>
19. *September 2, Washington Post* – (National) **Wildfires have now burned a massive 8 million acres across the U.S.** Fire crews continued to battle 65 large wildfires burning across the U.S. following a September 1 update by the National Interagency Fire Center

which found that over 8 million acres of land has been burned in U.S. wildfires in 2015.
Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2015/09/01/wildfires-have-now-burned-a-massive-8-million-acres-across-the-u-s-this-year/>

For another story, see item [3](#)

Emergency Services Sector

20. *September 1, Reuters* – (California) **Number of California inmates observed for Legionnaires' disease jumps.** California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitations officials reported September 1 that the number of inmates being observed for Legionnaires' disease rose to 85 from 71, while the number of confirmed cases remained at 6. Officials also stated that hot meal service would resume after the inmates were given boxed lunches for several days as a precaution.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/09/01/us-usa-california-legionnaires-idUSKCN0R14XZ20150901>

Information Technology Sector

21. *September 2, Securityweek* – (International) **Siemens patches vulnerability in RUGGEDCOM switches.** Siemens released a firmware update addressing a vulnerability in the ROS operating system (OS) running on some RUGGEDCOM switches, which an attacker with access to a virtual local area network (VLAN) could exploit to bypass isolation and access devices on another VLAN.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/siemens-patches-vulnerability-ruggedcom-switches>
22. *September 2, Securityweek* – (International) **Mobile gaming apps expose enterprise data: report.** Veracode released findings from a report on gambling applications installed on mobile devices in corporate environments revealing that many gambling applications leave enterprise environments vulnerable to man-in-the-middle (MitM) attacks, Remote Access Trojans (RATs), fake certificates, and other types of attacks. The report attributed the vulnerabilities to applications' use of weak encryption and pre-loaded adware.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/mobile-gambling-apps-expose-enterprise-data-report>
23. *September 2, Softpedia* – (International) **Future Firefox, Chrome, IE, and Edge releases will not support RC4 encryption.** Google, Mozilla, and Microsoft announced that RC4 encryption algorithm support will be removed from the companies' Web browsers by late February 2016.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/future-firefox-chrome-ie-and-edge-releases-will-not-support-rc4-encryption-490704.shtml>
24. *September 2, Securityweek* – (International) **Google patches 29 vulnerabilities with release of Chrome 45.** Google released Chrome 45 for Windows, Mac, and Linux,

addressing 29 security issues including cross-origin bypass and use-after-free-flaws, a character spoofing bug in the Omnibox address bar, and other-medium impact vulnerabilities. The update also disabled automatic Adobe Flash plugin ad support.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/google-patches-29-vulnerabilities-release-chrome-45>

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Communications Sector

25. *September 1, KSLA 12 Shreveport* – (Louisiana) **Thousands back online in Shreveport, Monroe after Comcast outage.** A Comcast outage left thousands of customers in Shreveport without Internet or phone service after a bush hogging crew in Mississippi accidentally cut two fiber lines September 1. Customers in Monroe, Louisiana, were also affected by the outage.

Source: <http://www.ksla.com/story/29934901/thousands-back-online-in-shreveport-monroe-after-comcast-outage>

Commercial Facilities Sector

26. *September 1, Detroit Free Press* – (Michigan) **Priest pleads guilty to fraud in \$573K church theft.** A former Catholic priest pleaded guilty September 1 to mail fraud after illegally mailing church financial records, which concealed monies intended for the parish, to the Archdiocese of Detroit, as well as stealing \$573,000 from St. Thomas More Church in Troy, Michigan, following a 2013 audit that reveal financial irregularities involving several hundred thousands of dollars.

Source: <http://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/oakland/2015/09/01/priest-pleads-guilty-fraud-573k-church-theft/71506690/>

27. *August 31, Atlanta Journal-Constitution* – (Georgia) **26 adults, 12 children displaced by Marietta apartment fire.** Thirty-eight residents from the 20-unit Crestmont apartment complex in Marietta, Georgia, were displaced August 31 after an explosion ignited a fire and destroyed 15 apartment units, leaving 5 others with smoke damage. Fire crews contained the incident and three residents were taken to nearby hospitals for treatment.

Source: <http://www.ajc.com/news/news/local/explosion-injuries-reported-at-marietta-apartment/-nnTn8/>

Dams Sector

Nothing to report



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